

**REMARKS**

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that all pending claims, *i.e.*, claims 1-6, contain allowable subject matter. Specifically, claims 1-4 are allowed and claims 5-6 would be allowed if amended to remove improper multiple dependencies. Claims 3, 5, and 6 have been amended to remove the improper multiple dependencies. New claims 7-12 result from the removal of the multiple dependencies. Thus, no new matter has been added. Accordingly, all claims 1-12 are now allowed.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or any other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 15115/094001).

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Respectfully submitted,

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